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1. ECON COUNSELOR DURING COURSE OF LONG-SOUGHT CALL JULY 27 ON
COMMERCE AND FOREIGN TRADE SECRETARY MATIUR RAHMAN (WHO HAD BEEN
FIRST OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND THEN OCCUPIES WITH SERIES OF TRADE
DELEGATIONS), TOOK UP ISSUES RAISED REFTEL. ECON COUNSELOR WILL
FOLLOW UP DURING WEEK OF AUGUST 2 WITH COMMERCE JOINT SECRETARY
CONCERNED NURUL NABI CHOWDHURY, WHO AT PRESENT ATTENDING TRADE
MEETING IN BANGKOK.

2. GIVEN COMPLEXITY THIS ISSUE AND NEED FOR EDUCATIONAL PROCESS WITH
BANGLADESH CIVIL SERVANTS HERE, WHO GENERALLY UNFAMILIAR WITH
SUCH TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, ECON COUNSELOR LEFT TWO PAPERS WITH COMMERCE
SECRETARY. ONE DRAW FROM BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONTAINED PARA TWO
THROUGH SIX, REFTEL; THE OTHER DRAWN FROM PARA 8, PROVIDING RATIONALE
FOR US POSITION ON NEED FOR CONCESSIONS BY LDCS IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS
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3. COMMERCE SECRETARY AGREED TO STUDY PAPERS AND TO PASS THEM TO JOINT

SECRETARY CHOUDHURY FOR HIS ATTENTION. IN RESPONSE TO ECON
COUNSELOR'S EMPHASIS ON OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE OF SOME CONCESSIONS
FROM BANGLADESH IF US IS TO MAKE SUBSTANCTIAL TARIFF CUTS, COMMERCE
SECRETARY INDICATED GENERAL DESIRE TO MEET US NEED.

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